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BASEBALL LIKELY TO GAIN FOOHOLD AMONG YOUTH OF FRANCE

Gamins of Paris Have Grave Difficulty in Pronouncing Terms of the Greatest Game on Earth.

FOUL IS "FOOL" AND FLY IS "FLEA"

(By the Associated Press.) Paris, Feb. 28.—There are many indications that baseball will gain a real foothold in France this year. The visit of the New York and Chicago teams which are concluding their tour of the world will be followed by organized effort on the part of many of the French admirers of the American game to popularize it here.

One of the handicaps to the growth of baseball in France oddly has been the conservatism of national resources. Open grounds favorably located are at a premium and land owners have been loath to cut down their trees to make room for diamonds. This prejudice is being overcome to some extent, however.

The Racing Club of France, which already has a well founded and extensive property outside of Paris, is planning to lay out three more diamonds this spring. Arrangements have not yet developed to the league or association stage, but games will be played between teams of the racing club and school boys, especially the American boys of the Latin quarter, and a number of games will be played at Etretat, Havre, and other French cities. The coincident development of the game in Spain is noted in a challenge from a nine in Barcelona which the racing club here has accepted.

Those in Paris who hope to see baseball interest increase here expect considerable assistance from the French army training school. Four members of the school have already undertaken to introduce and teach the game the coming summer. These instructors have thoroughly studied all

the rules of play and all the English terms which are used. The pronunciation by the French youths is amusing to Americans, especially as to "foul," which is termed "fool," and "fly," which they call "flea."

W. H. Burgess, one of the Americans here who is particularly interested in baseball and who acts as umpire at some of the games, declares that sports generally have not made the same progress in France as in some other countries and he explains numerous causes.

"Besides the difficulty of getting playing fields," he says, "the hours of the French school boy are extraordinarily long. The average pupil is at his desk at 8 o'clock in the morning and is not released until six, whereas in the United States generally in the public schools the boys leave their desks at from two to three. This gives them several hours for relaxation which is devoted to ball playing or other forms of sport. The school-boy's holiday here is Thursday instead of Saturday. Also when French children want to participate in a baseball game they are generally required to tell their parents the names of the children with whom they intend to play. If certain boys are not of equal station the parents refuse to allow them to play and this feeling of class tends to hinder the development of baseball among the youth. Nevertheless, the progress the past season was exceedingly rapid and I look for a greater advancement in popularity the coming season."

UNIVERSITY BEATEN BY LAS VEGAS TEAM

The University of New Mexico basketball team was defeated by the Las Vegas Y. M. C. A. team at Las Vegas last night by a score of 42 to 35. The game proved an interesting one, although the Las Vegas team, which is considered the fastest in the southwest, had the best of the play throughout, although Winters, the star guard, was out of the game.

The University players will return home tonight. The line-up was as follows:

Las Vegas—Forwards, White and Hart; center, Webb; guards, Larrago and Stewart. Albuquerque—Forwards, Lapraik and McCanna; center, Shuffelbarger; guards, Collins and Duran. A. De Marais refereed the first half and officiated as umpire in the second. Harry Frank of Albuquerque exchanged positions with him.

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Lineup Complete for Spring College Sports

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 28.—Practice for the college and university baseball squads of the east is well under way and before the month of March has run its course the first games of the season will have been played, provided inclement weather does not interfere. As a result of the indoor training to date some idea of the relative strength of the larger institutions is available and the coaches are already predicting some close series in the play for intercollegiate honors. Chief attention centers on the Yale prospects at present owing to the remarkable record achieved by the New Haven team last spring.

With one or two exceptions the Yale team of 1913, which won 28 games out of 34 played, is intact. The loss of Hiddell at first base leaves a gap in the infield, but with the string of substitutes and last year's freshman team available this position should be filled without trouble. Another vacant position is that of shortstop, left fielder. In these two positions Yale is weakest. All the other members of the team are in college. Captain Blossom at short, Cornish at second, and Reilly at third base form one of the very best infields of any college team this season. Middlebrook and Pumpelly will again play center and right field, respectively. The veteran pitchers are Gile and Brown, both of whom can be counted on to equal the good work done last year. Hunter will be the mainstay behind the bat.

The Harvard team, which had the distinction of winning the only series that Yale lost last season, will take the field this spring with almost as many veterans available as the Blue. But three regulars were lost by graduation last year. In the pitching department Freese and Hitchcock form the nucleus of an effective pitching staff. In addition, Boyle, MacDonald and Whitney are also promising pitching candidates. The position of catcher, left vacant by the graduation of Young, will be filled by either Osborne, Waterman or Wallace.

Ayres will probably retain his position at first base, although Nash, captain of last year's freshman team, is a likely candidate, but coach Weston may decide to place Nash in the outfield in Altop's place. Clark will be at second, unless it is deemed necessary to use him behind the bat. In that case Harvey, Phillips and Frippe will be contestants for the position. Captain Wingate will remain at shortstop. At third base, one of the candidates mentioned for second is likely to fill the gap left by the graduation of Tomes. Garnett should retain his position in right field and Hardwick take care of center-field. A number of new men will compete for the left field position, the more promising being Nash, Curtis and Mitchell.

The Harvard 1914 team will be a hard hitting organization judging from the averages of the men last year, especially in the championship games. Most of last year's freshmen who are trying for positions this year were good batters so that the team should in no way suffer from the addition of these men to the ranks.

At Princeton seven members of the 1913 nine are eligible for positions this spring. They are Wall, catcher; Wood and Copeland, pitchers; Captain Rhoads, first base; Gill, second base; Green and Laird, outfielders. Wood and Copeland were the mainstay of the pitching staff last season. From last year's freshman nine Lambertson, Doye and Link are expected to do well, especially the first two named. Behind the bat, Kelleher, of the undefeated 1912 team, is likely to be a close second to Wall for catching honors. In the infield Captain Rhoads is the only likely candidate for first base. Gill, second base last spring, may be shifted to short, leaving Peacock prominent for the keystone position. Law and O'Kane, both of the freshman infield, will also be strong contenders for second or short. Third base will be difficult to cover. Shea played an exceedingly good game last spring but his ankle, which was broken in football, may keep him out of the game. For the outfield Green and Laird, regulars, are available. Hanks a substitute last season, and Hoyt, Dineen and G. A. Peacock of the freshman nine, should round out into likely material.

Cornell, Pennsylvania, Brown and Williams and a number of the other colleges of the east also loom up as formidable contenders for diamond honors and it is a certainty that the struggle for varsity baseball supremacy will be unusually keen. Columbia has also entered the field with renewed determination to gain a place among the leaders this season as is evidenced by the engagement of two of the leading coaches of the country. With Billy Lush and Andy Coakley in charge of the conditions there is reason to believe that New York university will be represented by a strong team. Both Lush and Coakley have had many years' experience, both in professional baseball and as college coaches.

An Australian rugby football player of considerable reputation has en-

tered the University of Southern California in the person of Bernard Higgins. He is a younger brother of Pat Higgins, the university rugby coach. He played on the North Sydney team and was picked for the New South Wales team 180 years ago, but was prevented from playing through injuries. Young Higgins attended St. Aloysius college in Sydney and comes to the University of Southern California as a transfer, which may prevent his representing the university in games with California or Stanford until a year's time has elapsed. He is reported to be a sprinter of ability and valuable as a track team asset.

Harvard crew authorities are much elated over the successful outcome of the negotiations with Coach Jim Wray, who recently signed a five-year renewal of his contract with the Cambridge university. Although the terms were not made public it is understood that Wray receives the salary increase which he had requested. The Union Boat club of Detroit stood ready to engage Wray had he failed to reach a satisfactory arrangement with Harvard. The Harvard Crimson in an editorial comment states:

"Whatever may be said against the organization of college athletics today, athletic success is one of the factors of a university's prestige. The undergraduate department of a university adds not only to its own standing but to that of the whole institution to which it belongs, by a good name in the athletic world. Consequently there is cause for rejoicing to more than those primarily interested in Harvard's athletic success in the assurance that Coach Wray will continue in charge of the crews for at least five years to come. Victories from the crews of Yale in six out of eight years' service, the bringing of rowing supremacy Cambridgeward, and a name for healthy sport, have so placed him that we must make glad that he is to keep on with his work."

The universities and colleges of the middle west are preparing for spring football practice which will be held during the month of April. Coach Yost of Michigan, has already looked over the situation and ordered out the Wolverines on Monday, April 13th. Yost will be in charge all through the training, and probably will be in Ann Arbor on brief visits in the meantime. He also recommended action of the athletic authorities in again scouring "Germany" Schultz to coach the Wolverine forwards.

Coach "Andy" Smith of Purdue, at a recent meeting of the candidates for the 1914 eleven passed out printed cards which were filled out by the prospective players. The cards provide for information regarding the grades of the men in each of their subjects. A space is provided for each month's grade. The cards will be collected each month so that the coach will know the exact standing of each man at monthly intervals during the year. The call for spring practice will be made April first, according to Coach Smith. He expects that a large squad will respond to the call. Rudimentary instruction will be the plan of spring practice.

The statements attributed to Trainer Jack Mosley of Cornell relative to the eligibility of the Oxford university track team which is to run at the University of Pennsylvania relay meet April 25, do not find favor at Pennsylvania. The University daily in an editorial review of the point states:

"Of course the Englishmen have an advantage if they have no one-year rule, but the using of the Rhodes scholars—no matter how long their residence at Oxford—is a legitimate advantage, if it is one. In the case of Tabor and men in his position there is nothing which violates the spirit of the one-year rule."

"Why not let the Englishmen use their advantage?" The sporting public, we are sure, wants to see them send over the best team they can. All the more credit to the American team that is able to defeat them. All the less bitter the defeat should the Englishmen carry home the title. After all, Pennsylvania is striving to bring about the best four-mile international race that can be arranged. Oxford may have an advantage in one respect, but if the idea develops into one of England versus America, hasn't this country a decided advantage in the fact that we will have several teams represented to England's one? Cornell merely weakens America's chances by staying away."

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SEVEN MANAGERS OF FEDERAL LEAGUE IN SECRET SESSION

Everybody on Hand but Knabe of Baltimore at Organization Gathering of the New League.

CLUB OWNERS ALSO IN CHICAGO CONFERENCE

Lively Trading in 200 or More Players Who Have Left Ranks of Organized Ball to Take Flyer.

(By Lensed Wire to Evening Herald.)

Chicago, Feb. 28.—Seven managers of the Federal league met in secret session at the Chicago Athletic association today to sort out their teams from the 200 or more players the league leaders claim to have signed.

The missing manager was Otto Knabe, of the Baltimore team, whose train was reported delayed.

Manager William Phillips of Indianapolis, Larry Schlarf of Buffalo, George Stovall of Kansas City, Mordecai Brown of St. Louis, William Gessler of Pittsburgh, Joe Tinker of Chicago and William Bradley of Brooklyn were on hand.

Bradley will represent the Brooklyn team temporarily at least and it was hinted that he might get the place permanently should Robert B. Ward, the Brooklyn owner fall in his effort to persuade Christy Mathewson or Sam Crawford to undertake the leadership. It was rumored, too, that Gessler accepted the Pittsburgh place with the understanding that he might retire to the ranks if another manager satisfactory to his losses could be found.

Some of the well known players who have left the ranks of organized ball for the new league will be found with teams other than those first announced as having signed them. Rollie Zelder, the New York American infielder who was supposed to have been awarded definitely to Chicago, may be lost by Tinker in the shuffle today. It is said that Brooklyn and Pittsburgh will both make strong bids for him.

The club owners of the league will meet after the managers have finished it was announced, but both sessions promised to be protracted. Ned Hanlon represented the Baltimore club at the managers' meeting. It was learned that most of the players signed by President Gilmore had been assigned to teams needing them. Numerous trades were made, some of the managers who had a superfluity of pitchers but a lack of good infielders, made deals which were expected to balance their teams.

The trades will be reviewed and approved by President Gilmore next week and after that it is expected the full roster of the league will be given out.

Hai Chase Still at Home.

San Jose, Cal., Feb. 28.—Hai Chase is still at his home in San Jose, not having joined the Chicago American team at Alpo Robles, but he says he intends to play with the White Sox. Chase says he hopes to put on the best game of his life in an effort to show that his release from New York was not justified.

Association May Aid Federals.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—Followers of baseball believed they read between the lines of a story published here today, that organized baseball had virtually "recognized" the belligerence of the Federal league.

The story said the Federals and the American Association leaders had agreed to arrange their playing schedules so that conflicts in the two towns in which they are both represented—Kansas City and Indianapolis—would be avoided. Such an agreement would indicate that the Association, one of the biggest of the leagues in organized baseball, had decided not to make war on the Federals, but rather had concluded to enter into a working agreement.

President Chivington, of the Association, denied that any agreement existed, but Charles Weighman, president of the Chicago Federals, asserted he had talked with Joe Cannon, the Minneapolis Association owner, and George Tebeau, the Kansas City owner, and that others practically had promised there would be

no conflict.

Bradley Manages Brooklyn, Federals

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 28.—Business Manager John M. Ward, of the Brooklyn Federal league club, who was in Baltimore for a few hours yesterday, received a telegram from Columbia, R. C., notifying him that his team may train on the grounds of the University of South Carolina at that place. He announced that "Bill" Bradley, formerly of the Toronto International, would manage the Brooklyn Federals.

New York Man May Buy.

New York, Feb. 28.—Warner, a manufacturer of this city, returned last night after a visit to Chicago and Cincinnati, and said that negotiations he has been conducting to buy the Chicago National League club from Chas. P. Taft has progressed favorably and he had every reason to believe he shortly would become the owner of the club.

Quigley Signs With Nationals.

New York, Feb. 28.—The signed contract of E. C. Quigley, a member of the National league staff at umpires, has been received at the local National league offices, according to Secretary Boydler.

Clyde Parks Upheld.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 28.—The National baseball commission has upheld the National board in deciding that player Clyde Parks was not the property of the Ottumwa club of the Central Association. Parks, as a free agent, signed with the St. Joseph club.

Wichita Gets Canadian Catcher.

Wichita, Kan., Feb. 28.—George Graham, catcher of the Toronto International league baseball club, was purchased yesterday by the local Western league team. Graham has played with the Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia National league clubs.

Quinn Signs With Federals.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 28.—Pitcher Jack Quinn, of the Boston Nationals, has signed a contract with the Baltimore Federal league club. Quinn went to Boston from the Rochester International league team at the close of last season.

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR BERLIN OLYMPIC GAMES

Boston, Feb. 28.—President A. J. Lill, Jr., of the Amateur Athletic union, will go to New York today to begin the work of raising \$150,000 which the union officials believe will be necessary to send an American team to Berlin for the Olympic games of 1916. Mr. Lill said that he thought there would be very little trouble in raising the fund.

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CLASIC DOG RACES OF ALASKA TODAY

Nome, Alaska, Feb. 28.—The first of the classic dog races of the season of 1914, the Solomon Derby, from Nome to Solomon and return, seventy miles over the snow, will be run today, with five teams entered. There is no limit to the number of dogs in a team. The drivers who will contest are John Johnson, winner of last year's Solomon derby; Fay Durene, winner of last year's all-Alaska sweepstake; A. A. (Sentry) Allan, Percy Blatchford, and Fred Ayres. The record for the course is five hours, 17 minutes, 4 seconds, established last year.

The all-Alaska sweepstake, 112 miles from Nome to Gandle and return, will take place in April. The contestants in the long races must finish with the same dog and equipment as at the start. If a dog is disabled he must be carried on the sled. Winners in either of the big derbies are honored for the remainder of their lives.

The introduction of the reindeer and the promise of railroads have not affected the piece of the Eskimo dog as the chief transportation agent in northern Alaska.

Ducray Gets Decision.

Grand Junction, Colo., Feb. 28.—Frank Ducray got the decision over Chris Jordan last night when Jordan declined to go back for the third fall after Ducray had matted him with a toe-hold in 52 minutes. Jordan won the first fall in 58 minutes. Jordan's leg is badly wrenched and he cannot walk.

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